

Albanians

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and my early youth
~~has~~ ^{was} been spent under an
Italian atmosphere
While at home, I ~~have~~
~~been~~ attended ^{ed} Italian
school, and later, served
under the Italian flag.
Returning to a family feud. I
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elsewhere. After traveling
abroad for one painful year
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 was in 1933. ^{He} I wanted
 to return home, wanting
 that a quiet, tranquil life

up on the mountains with
plenty of goat milk ~~available~~
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hater. At night each protects
a guest in the mountain,
and if a traveler has
slept under the roof

An Albanian the host
according to tribal law
is obligated to ensure a good
host against any person who
insults or harms the visitor.

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in that part of Albania
which is under the Italian
and French administration.
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 at Koritza. In the days of the
 Turks there were primary and
 secondary schools in some of
 the towns, and instruction in
 the Koran was given in the
 village mosques, but
 without teaching ~~no~~ writing taught

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It is true that at Leuven a
college and a seminary were
established, with the aid of
the Austrian Government, the
Franciscans had several
primary schools and three
lay schools were supported
by the Belgian Government, in the
intention to educate the people.
In all these institutions there
was the language of instruction.
The friends of the Dutch Church
upon whom the rural population
depended for instruction, were
often deplorably ignorant.

The attitude of the Austrians,
the Germans and the Belgians
toward the Abenomics of the North

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 forced labor imposed upon
 them. The Albanian population
 as a whole, number some
 two and a half million people.
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 great mountains, fertile
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 and over the Channel
 are important resources.
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food in comfort. I think
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population, is the largest place,
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mentioning. The pleasant
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in a fertile valley along
the river Ussa.

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 French, and Valons.
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 of the Moslem religion.
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W. P. Roberts

E.M. was born in Boston, Massachusetts, the son of Albanian parents. His father was a chief of one of the Tosk tribes in the southern part of Albania, and his mother the daughter of a chief of a friendly tribe. In this country his father became a photographer and prospered, investing his money in real estate. He was educated in the public schools of Boston and Somerville, Mass. He entered, studied at the Albanian American School of Agriculture in Boston and at Boston University.

When he was 20 his father sold his business and made plans to return to Albania. But in the meantime Zog was put on the throne and the kingdom established. E's father was a prominent member of the party of Bishop Fan Noli, friendly to Greece and Jugoslavia and Anti-Italian. It was dangerous for him to return to Albania at that time so he remained in Boston to wait for a change in government.

E worked for a while in a photographic studio then came west to work on farms. He has worked on ranches in the Imperial Valley and in the Sacramento Valley. He came to S.F. about a year ago and he is now working in a photo studio.

He believes that the U.S. should take Albania under its special protection and establish a republic there. His desire to go back to the land of his father and introduce modern scientific methods of farming.

He and all his family are devout members of the Eastern Orthodox church, in fact his family have given priests and bishops to the church for generations. He is proud of his American birth but equally proud of his Albanian ancestry. However, he is critical of both the Albanians and Americans, the former for their conservation and stubborn clinging to out-worn methods

and the latter for their indifference to religion and their snug self-complacency.

41 He speaks Albanian, Greek, French and some Italian although he dislikes Italians and Mussolini. His personality is much more European than American and the conflict of divided loyalties has caused him much distress.

11 G. S. was born in Valona, Albania and came to America at the age of five and settled with his family in Jamestown, ~~Mass.~~ ^{N. H.} His father was one of the important men of the Republic at the time and was the leader of the Albanians in Jamestown. He went to the school in town until ~~sixteen~~ ^{sixteen} years ~~old~~ ^{old} when he went to work beside his father in the lumber mill. A few years later his father bought a farm in Hartick, Mass. the center of a large Albanian colony. I helped with the farm work for a while and then went to Boston and worked in a shoe factory. There he became very friendly with a group of Greeks who were in the clock business and worked with them.

After the war, his father and mother returned to Albania where they still are. S. came to Philadelphia and worked in a speakeasy. He was caught in a couple of raids and landed in jail several times but was always bailed out by his employer.

Finally, with a group of wealthy Greeks, he came west to Denver, Colorado and worked in several restaurants with them and when one of them opened a gambling

(2) house in Reno he came along to work as master of ^{the} house.

He is very silent; ~~and~~ talks very little. Of Albania he knows very little although he receives frequent letters from his parents. All his knowledge of Albanian ways are only from Jamestown. He speaks almost no Albanian, his language for many years having been Greek. His English is good and he knows a smattering of Italian.

Two years ago he came to San Francisco and worked in a gambling house in the Greek colony. At present he is unemployed, but has ^{a good deal of} ~~considerable~~ money saved. He plans soon to return to Albania and settle on the farm that has been in the family for generations. He himself does not gamble, or drink, or smoke.

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Thomas Austin
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A. P. was born in Scoglio, Albania. His father was a poor Shqipetar and his mother Italian. His family had sold out in the market place of Scoglio for generations. He had a rudimentary education at the Roman Catholic school run by the Italian fathers. When about ten he was sent to work on farms near the Albanian settlements on the east coast of Italy. He knows more about these people than of those in their homeland, although they have not lost all the customs of the forefathers. The clan system, the position of women, and the celebration of certain feasts are as in Albania.

He then came to America, settling in New York where he worked at various jobs in restaurants. He then joined a party of countrymen going to Pittsburgh to work in the steel mills. After a year or so he tired of the hard work, the noise and confusion of Pittsburgh, and left to work on farms in Ohio.

He spent several years as a farm hand, drifting further south until he reached East St. Louis. There he obtained employment in a boiler factory. He worked hard here and saved his money. He is now coming back to Albania for a while. After his marriage he bought a little home in the Italian quarter of St. Louis. His home became the clearing house for any Albanian friends who

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or living in St. Louis.

Three years ago, at the invitation of a group of people who had heard of his story of California, he came out and came here and brought a group of people to the French and Latin in his hands.

He like America in 1848, in France in 1848. He has been here so long that he has lost his attacks of homesickness. His children are typical young Americans. They speak English and Italian and the boys have the bearing of the American boys.

He likes American education, but he is a man of the old school. He only speaks with Americans now, his friends being a most interesting Italian. His wife and daughter still speak the French language but he has lost interest. He says that religion is only for women.

W. H. and Garrison

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children are sent to school, the natives are paid more than a living wage for work which often is for the benefit of the people themselves. Before the Italian occupation, education was almost non-existent in Albania, both Christian and Moslem were, and the adults still are, totally illiterate. Under Turkish control, instruction in the Albanian language was prohibited for political reasons. An exception was made in the case of a little American school for girls at Koritza. In the days of the Turk there were primary and secondary schools in some of the towns, and instruction in the Koran was given in the village mosques, but neither reading nor writing was taught. It is true that at Scutari a college and a seminary were established, with the aid of the Austrian Government. The Franciscans had several primary schools and three lay schools were supported by the Italian Government in its endeavour to educate the people. In all these institutions Italian was the language of instruction. The priests of the Greek Church upon whom the rural population depended for instruction were often deplorably ignorant.

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Many are the curious customs growing out of the blood feuds. It is the unwritten law of the land that a man must not be attacked while accompanied by a woman. Frequently a wife, daughter or sister follows her menfolk on all journeys through the mountains in order, by her presence, to furnish protection from an implacable foe. A rigid code protects a guest in the mountains, and if a traveller has slept under the roof of an Albanian, the host, according to tribal law is obligated to declare a blood feud against any person who insults or harms the visitor.

There is a marked change in that part of Albania which is under the Italian and French administration. There the

children are sent to school, the natives are paid more than a living wage for work which often is for the benefit of the people themselves. Before the Italian occupation, education was almost non-existent in Albania, both Christian and Moslem were, and the adults still are, totally illiterate. Under Turkish control, instruction in the Albanian language was prohibited for political reasons. An exception was made in the case of a little American school for girls at Keritza. In the days of the Turk there were primary and secondary schools in some of the towns, and instruction in the Koran was given in the village mosques, but neither reading nor writing was taught. It is true that at Scutari a college and a seminary were established, with the aid of the Austrian Government. The Franciscans had several primary schools and three lay schools were supported by the Italian Government in its endeavour to educate the people. In all these institutions Italian was the language of instruction. The priests of the Greek Church upon whom the rural population depended for instruction were often deplorably ignorant.

The attitude of the Austrian, the German and the Bulgar toward the Albanians of the North is a hard one from forced labor imposed upon them. The Albanian population as a whole, numbers some two and a half million people. Their homeland is a magnificent country with its grand mountains, fertile valleys, and beautiful streams, a region without forests, almost without woodlands. The most attractive part of southern Albania lies, of course, near the Adriatic. Fruits and grain are profitably grown along the seacoast, and it has a climate which resembles that of Sicily. Excellent grazing lands extend up the mountainsides, affording pasturage for large flocks and

herds, the people's chief source of livelihood, while fish from the sea and the rivers and game from the hills, deer, wild boar, hares, game birds, bear, and even the chamois are important resources.

The towns of southern Albania are few and though picturesque in appearance, are in reality poor in comfort. Of cities there are none. Koritza, with some 20,000 population, is the largest but it is far from being a city. The towns are somewhat squalid, yet interesting to the eye and have the charm of old-world quaintness. There are three worth mentioning. The pleasant village of Plemati, lying in a fertile valley along the river Viosa, Koritza, held by the French, and Valona, clean and thriving under the Italians. They are pleasant places to behold nestling among the mountains, in the valleys and by the sea, with old gray walls and roofs of stone, but they possess none of the comforts or conveniences of modern civilization.

Such matter of fact things as street cars, hotels or cafes do not exist in Albania and would seem out of place there. Water is drawn from the wells. The fields are rich and chiefly cultivated by the women. The people of Albania are first nationalists and then religionists. Discord among themselves, between Christian and Moslem has been one of the most serious evils in the country, but this has now been checked. Albania needs people and money, if given these two things, its development will be certain.

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Greek

N. K. was born in the village of Shlosi in Albania, a few miles from the Greek border. His father was a farmer and the head of the clan. He lived a simple, Arcadian existence, herding sheep and goats. He was taught to shoot at an early age. He never went to school, but learned Albanian history and the sagas of his people from his father and the old mullah of the village. He is Mohammedan but his faith rests lightly upon him.

His earliest recollection is of his older brother's being brought home dead. He was killed in a family feud by a member of a neighboring tribe.

At the age of eighteen he came to American, going to Worcester, Massachusetts where he had an uncle. It was many months before he could adjust himself to the rush of modern American life, the many people on the streets, and the number of buildings crowded so close together. He worked in the wire mill for about eight years, then he went to Boston.

In Worcester his horizon was limited for he worked, lived and played with his own people. In Boston he met some of the leaders of the Albanians and there learned to read and write his own native tongue as well as English.

He worked at various jobs in restaurants, factories and railroad yards until 1930 when jobs became scarce. After being unemployed for many months he went to Detroit where some men from his clan had settled. He found things much worse there, so after many hardships, he finally borrowed enough from his clansmen to come to California. He is still amazed at the size and beauty of America, but does not think much of the people commonly called Americans.

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In San Francisco he got work at the Columbia Works of the United States Steel Company where he worked until a year ago. Since then he has been unemployed. He is planning to return to his native village. He is being helped by the members of his clan in this, it being the clan rule that no member shall be in want. If he can return east, he is sure he can get a job in a fruit store in Worcester, where he will earn enough money for his return to Albania.

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